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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YO	ORK	v	
IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER LO	OWER TIGATION	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	21 MC 102 (AKH)
MARCELO ATIENCIA,		:	07-CV-01562-AKH
- against - ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO, et a	,		NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ANSWER TO MASTER COMPLAINT BY MERRILL LYNCH ELECTRONICALLY FILED
L	Defendants.	: <b>v</b>	

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Defendant Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. ("Merrill Lynch"), as and for its responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) Related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts Merrill Lynch's Answer to Master Complaint, dated August 3, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

WHEREFORE, Merrill Lynch demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York January 18, 2008

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